

# EXHIBIT 4

**BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC**

In Liquidation

**DECEMBER 11, 2008<sup>1</sup>**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM**

January 28, 2010

Renee Robinow Soskin Rev. Trust  
Renee Robinow Soskin, Trustee

**Redacted**

Dear Renee Robinow Soskin Rev. Trust:

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

The liquidation of the business of BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC ("BLMIS") is being conducted by Irving H. Picard, Trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa *et seq.* ("SIPA"), pursuant to an order entered on December 15, 2008 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claim on BLMIS Account No. 1EM213 designated as Claim Number 5246:

Your claim for securities is **DENIED**. No securities were ever purchased for your account.

Your claim is **ALLOWED** for \$434,708.76, which was the balance in your BLMIS Account on the Filing Date based on the amount of money you deposited with BLMIS for the purchase of securities, less subsequent withdrawals, as outlined in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 78*ff*(7)(B) of SIPA states that the filing date is "the date on which an application for a protective decree is filed under 78eee(a)(3)," except where the debtor is the subject of a proceeding pending before a United States court "in which a receiver, trustee, or liquidator for such debtor has been appointed and such proceeding was commenced before the date on which such application was filed, the term 'filing date' means the date on which such proceeding was commenced." Section 78*ff*(7)(B). Thus, even though the Application for a protective decree was filed on December 15, 2008, the Filing Date in this action is on December 11, 2008.

- Table 1 -

**DEPOSITS**

| DATE                   | TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT                | ADJUSTED AMOUNT       |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/4/1993               | TRANS FROM E & M 6      | \$111,432.05          | \$100,000.00          |
| 1/22/1993              | CHECK                   | \$100,000.00          | \$100,000.00          |
| 2/23/1996              | CHECK                   | \$150,000.00          | \$150,000.00          |
| 5/7/1996               | CHECK                   | \$100,000.00          | \$100,000.00          |
| 3/7/1997               | CHECK                   | \$100,000.00          | \$100,000.00          |
| 8/5/2002               | CHECK                   | \$50,000.00           | \$50,000.00           |
| 12/14/2004             | CHECK                   | \$200,000.00          | \$200,000.00          |
| 2/9/2006               | TRANS FROM 1S040430     | \$105,000.00          | \$105,000.00          |
| 5/5/2006               | TRANS FROM 1S040430     | \$65,000.00           | \$65,000.00           |
| 6/20/2006              | TRANS FROM 1S040430     | \$50,000.00           | \$50,000.00           |
| 12/6/2007              | TRANS FROM 1S040430     | \$134,708.76          | \$134,708.76          |
| <b>Total Deposits:</b> |                         | <b>\$1,165,140.81</b> | <b>\$1,154,708.76</b> |

**WITHDRAWALS**

| DATE                                    | TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT                | ADJUSTED AMOUNT       |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6/4/1998                                | CHECK                   | (\$60,000.00)         | (\$60,000.00)         |
| 11/13/1998                              | CHECK                   | (\$50,000.00)         | (\$50,000.00)         |
| 1/14/2000                               | CHECK                   | (\$100,000.00)        | (\$100,000.00)        |
| 4/13/2000                               | CHECK                   | (\$100,000.00)        | (\$100,000.00)        |
| 9/12/2000                               | CHECK                   | (\$50,000.00)         | (\$50,000.00)         |
| 11/14/2005                              | CHECK                   | (\$50,000.00)         | (\$50,000.00)         |
| 4/13/2007                               | CHECK                   | (\$250,000.00)        | (\$250,000.00)        |
| 6/14/2007                               | CHECK                   | (\$40,000.00)         | (\$40,000.00)         |
| 6/18/2007                               | CHECK                   | (\$20,000.00)         | (\$20,000.00)         |
| <b>Total Withdrawals:</b>               |                         | <b>(\$720,000.00)</b> | <b>(\$720,000.00)</b> |
| <b>Total deposits less withdrawals:</b> |                         | <b>\$446,140.81</b>   | <b>\$434,708.76</b>   |

Based on BLMIS' books and records, the Trustee believes the amount of deposits and withdrawals are reflected accurately in Table 1. To the extent you have evidence that contradicts or supplements what is reflected in Table 1, please contact Trustee's counsel, Katherine Graham Carlson, at: **Redacted**.

As reflected in Table 1, certain of the transfers into or out of your account have been adjusted. As part of the Trustee's analysis of accounts, the Trustee has assessed accounts based on a money in/money out analysis (i.e., has the investor deposited more or less than he or she withdrew from BLMIS). This analysis allows the Trustee to determine which part of an account's balance is originally invested principal and which part is fictitious gains that were fabricated by BLMIS. A customer's allowed claim is based on the amount of principal in the customer's account.

Whenever a customer requested a transfer from one account to another, the Trustee analyzed whether the transferor account had principal in the account at the time of the transfer. The available principal in the account was transferred to and credited in the transferee account. Thus, the reason that the adjusted amount of transferred deposits or withdrawals in Table 1 is less than the purported transfer amount is that the transferor account did not have sufficient principal available to effectuate the full transfer. The difference between the purported transfer amount and the adjusted transfer amount is the amount of fictitious gain that was transferred to or from your account. Under the money in/money out analysis, the Trustee does not give credit for fictitious gains in setting your allowed claim.

Your **ALLOWED CLAIM** of \$434,708.76 will be satisfied in the following manner:

The enclosed **ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE** must be executed, notarized and returned in the envelope provided herewith. Upon receipt of the executed and notarized **ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE**, the Trustee will fully satisfy your **ALLOWED CLAIM** by sending you a check in the amount of \$434,708.76, with the funds being advanced by Securities Investor Protection Corporation pursuant to Section 78ffl-3(a)(1) of SIPA.

**Should a final and unappealable court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by you in having your customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** If you disagree with this determination and desire a hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland, you **MUST** file your written opposition, setting forth the grounds for your disagreement, referencing Bankruptcy Case No. 08-1789 (BRL) and attaching copies of any documents in support of your position, with the United States Bankruptcy Court and the Trustee within **THIRTY DAYS** after January 28, 2010, the date on which the Trustee mailed this notice.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** If you do not properly and timely file a written opposition, the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim will be deemed confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** If you properly and timely file a written opposition, a hearing date for this controversy will be obtained by the Trustee and you will be notified of that hearing date. Your failure to appear personally or through counsel at such hearing will result in the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim being confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** You must mail your opposition, if any, in accordance with the above procedure, to each of the following addresses:

Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for  
the Southern District of New York  
One Bowling Green  
New York, New York 10004

and

Irving H. Picard, Trustee  
c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP  
45 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10111

  
Irving H. Picard

Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of  
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

cc: Stephen P. Exley, CPA  
600 Highway 169 SO #820  
Minneapolis, MN 55426

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT  
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789-BRL

SIPA Liquidation

**ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the RENEE ROBINOW SOSKIN  
REV. TRUST, located at c/o Renée Robinow Soskin, Trustee, **Redacted**

**Redacted** (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") in  
consideration of the payment of \$434,708.76 to satisfy its claim for customer protection (the  
"Customer Claim", having been designated Claim #5246) filed in the liquidation proceeding of  
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") under the Securities Investor  
Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §78aaa et seq. ("SIPA") (see §§78fff-2(b), 78fff-2(d), and §78fff-  
3(a)(1) of SIPA), does for itself hereby assign, transfer and set over to Irving H. Picard as SIPA  
Trustee (the "SIPA Trustee") for the liquidation of BLMIS (see §78fff-2(b) of SIPA), and the  
Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"), as subrogee to the extent of its cash  
advances to the SIPA Trustee for the satisfaction of the aforementioned Customer Claim (see  
§78fff-3(a)(1) of SIPA), any and all rights, including causes of action or claims, that Assignor  
now may have against BLMIS and/or any third party arising out of or relating to any fraudulent  
or illegal activity with respect to Assignor's BLMIS account (Account No. 1EM213, the "BLMIS

Account"), which gave rise to the allowed Customer Claim for securities filed by Assignor against BLMIS. Such assignment is only to the extent that Assignor has received satisfaction of the Customer Claim as set forth above.

Further, Assignor has not previously compromised or assigned any claim, cause of action or other right against BLMIS, its principals or agents or any third party arising out of or related to any fraudulent or illegal activity giving rise to the Customer Claim.

Upon reasonable request of the SIPA Trustee or SIPC, Assignor agrees to cooperate with the SIPA Trustee or SIPC in connection with any efforts of either to recover from the principals or agents of BLMIS or anyone else for amounts advanced by SIPC or paid by the SIPA Trustee to satisfy Assignor's Customer Claim in this SIPA liquidation proceeding. Such efforts to recover by the SIPA Trustee or SIPC, either to demand or pursue or to prosecute or settle any collection effort, action or proceeding therefore, shall be at the sole cost of the SIPA Trustee or SIPC.

Effective immediately and without further action, contingent only upon Assignor's receipt from the SIPA Trustee or his agent of a check in the amount of \$434,708.76 as set forth in the SIPA Trustee's Notice of Determination of the Customer Claim dated January 28, 2010, (the "Trustee's Determination"), and upon receipt by the SIPA Trustee of this executed and notarized Assignment and Release, the Assignor does for itself, and for its executors, administrators, heirs and assigns hereby remise, release and forever discharge the SIPA Trustee and SIPC, as subrogee to the extent of its cash advances for the satisfaction of the Customer Claim, and, as the case may be, their officers, directors, professionals, employees, agents, successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims arising out of or relating to the Assignor's BLMIS Account, the Customer Claim filed with the SIPA Trustee as protected by the provisions of SIPA, and any and

all circumstances giving rise to said Customer Claim which the Assignor now has, or hereafter may have, for or by any reason, cause, matter or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of the execution of this Assignment and Release, only to the extent that the SIPA Trustee and/or SIPC has paid monies to the Assignor to satisfy Assignor's Customer Claim.

Should a final and unappealable Court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Assignment and Release shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by Assignor in having its customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order. The payment of the undisputed amount of the Assignor's Customer Claim (up to the limits of SIPA protection) will be without prejudice to the Trustee's and the Assignor's rights, claims, and defenses with respect to the disputed portion(s) of the Assignor's Customer Claim.

Assignor acknowledges the sufficiency of the consideration to be received in accordance with the SIPA Trustee's Determination and under this Assignment and Release.

The undersigned acknowledges that she is authorized to execute this Assignment and Release on behalf of the Renee Robinow Soskin Rev. Trust.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned has on this day set forth below duly executed this Assignment of Assignor's Customer Claim and Release, intending to be legally bound hereby.

RENEE ROBINOW SOSKIN REV. TRUST

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Renee Robinow Soskin, Trustee

Sworn and subscribed before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Notary Public